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Mr. Joe Gowers  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2  
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RE: Ringwood Superfund Site Cleanup

Dear Mr. Gowers:

I am writing to request that the USEPA National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) require the full removal of all waste from the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site in Ringwood, New Jersey, including Peter's Mine, Cannon Mine, and the O'Connor Disposal Area. Capping the mines, as suggested by the Borough of Ringwood's governing body, would be just one more band-aid on an injury left untended for decades.

The residents of the Upper Ringwood area have been subjected to the poisons left by the Ford Motor Company for close to thirty years. Dumping in their backyard, performing an inadequate cleanup the first time, and stalling on a total cleanup at this time would never have happened in a more affluent community. The Ford Motor Company made the Ringwood Ramapoughs victims of their poison because no one stopped them. It's time to put an end to this injustice once and for all by permanently restoring these properties to their original, natural and clean state. The local population has a long-standing connection to the land, as they use the plant life and game as a supplemental food source. They have suffered unlimited illnesses and death amongst their ranks for far too long. Until the toxic waste is completely removed, their survival as a community is in jeopardy. Until the waste is completely removed, there's no guarantee that it will not find its way into the water table, possibly affecting far more people than just the local Upper Ringwood residents.

The only way that Ford and the EPA can guarantee the health and safety of the residents of this site is to complete a total removal of all waste materials dumped in their backyard so many years ago. In the fourth quarter of the last fiscal year, Ford profits rose 7065.8% to \$13.62 billion (\$3.32 a share) from \$190 million (5 cents a share) the year earlier (from <http://wallstcheatsheet.com>.) Their CEO's total compensation was increased by 11 percent to nearly \$30 million last year (<http://news.yahoo.com>.) Clearly, they can afford to conduct a proper, total and complete cleanup. It's long overdue. I am therefore requesting that the decision made by the NRRB require a full remediation. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Canetti